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## **Fundraiser Held For Local Sports Hero**

Senator Patterson attended the Git-R-Done dinner and auction on Wednesday, October 25 at Crystal Gardens in Southgate. The charity event was for John Broge, a hometown sports hero that was injured last July in the Trenton's Roar on the River. John's spinal injuries have required an operation, intensive therapy, and a strong resolve to do whatever it takes to get back on track to a productive life.

The Git-R-Done event for John Broge was chaired by the Trenton Rotary in association with the Wyandotte Rotary, Woodhaven Rotary, BASF and the Trenton Outboard Racing Club. The charity event raised over \$115,000.

Pictured below is Senator Patterson honoring John Broge with a tribute from the Michigan State Senate. Senator Patterson said that he was humbled by the outpouring of support that the over 1,000 guests had given John and his family.



## **Patterson Awarded 2006 Legislator of the Year Award**

At its annual Fall Convention, the Michigan Psychological Association presented its 2006 Legislator of the Year Award to Sen. Bruce Patterson for his principled and unflagging support of mental health parity legislation. Parity legislation would end differences in insurance payments for mental and physical disorders. Although thirty-nine other states have passed legislation that would end discrimination against people with mental and emotional disorders, the Michigan legislature has not done so, although bills have been introduced in the last six legislative sessions. Despite strong opposition, Sen. Patterson has been a champion of the rights of people with mental and emotional disorders, even risking his re-election.

The Michigan Psychological Association Legislator of the Year Award lauded his persistence and courage and honored Sen. Patterson today for "doing the right thing" and fighting for equality in insurance, a major step in ending the stigma surrounding mental illness.

Senator Patterson said, "I am very honored by this award. It is from a wonderful association of gifted and dedicated professionals. I am totally committed to the cause of enhanced health care."



## **Senator honored by the MCODSA**

The Michigan Court Officers, Deputy Sheriffs and Process Servers Association have selected Senator Bruce Patterson of the 7<sup>th</sup> Senate district as the MCODSA 2006 Legislator of the Year.

The decision was based on the Senator's commitment and dedication to the Citizens of Michigan. Senator Patterson constantly demonstrates his ability to serve Michigan residents. He is not afraid to ask the hard questions when serving in his role as the Chair of the Technology and Energy Committee or as the vice-chair of the Health Policy committee and the Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs committee and also as a member of the Judiciary committee.

Senator Patterson makes sure that his constituents' interests are protected. He explores the various bills before him in an in depth fashion. Even if he supports the purpose of the bill from the beginning, the Senator makes sure he fully understands everything about the bill and the impact of its intended purpose while watching for any possible unintended consequences.

It is with great honor that the Michigan Court Officers, Deputy Sheriffs and Process Servers Association present our 2006 Legislator of the Year Award to Senator Bruce Patterson. This honor will be awarded to Senator Bruce Patterson at the MCODSA's fall training seminar on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.



## **Non-partisan information available on ballot issues**

[http://senate.michigan.gov/patterson/Proposal06\\_patterson.pdf](http://senate.michigan.gov/patterson/Proposal06_patterson.pdf)

## Contact Information

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